

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the petition of Theodore J. Eckerson, having had the same under consideration, report:

The petitioner prays that his salary, now fixed by the law of February 21, 1857, at \$1,490 per annum, be made \$2,500 a year, the same as that of the naval storekeeper at Mare island, in California. The petition is accompanied by numerous certificates as to the inadequacy of the present pay of that officer, and it is obvious that \$1,490 a year is not sufficient for the support of a family where the expense of living is as great as it is represented to be at Benecia, but there would be an impropriety in increasing the pay of this military storekeeper beyond that of officers of the army of superior rank.

A captain of ordnance receives about \$1,650, and a lieutenant about \$1,450 a year, and the increase asked in this case would make the pay of the military storekeeper in California more than fifty per cent. above that of a captain, and nearly a hundred per cent. above that of a lieutenant.

The committee report that the prayer of the petitioner be refused.

